

CeLAYbration Focuses On Ministry of Laity



Savell

Pat and Ron Owens

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A two-day celebration of persons interested in and involved in lifestyle evangelism will take place Oct. 28-29 in Jackson.

The event, known as "CeLAYbration" is designed to introduce Lay Renewal Ministries to Baptist adults and youths. The "lay" in "CeLAYbration" is capitalized because of an emphasis on the laity being included in ministry.

Lifestyle evangelism is a concept whereby a person becomes evangelistic with his or her whole lifestyle, not being limited to place or predicament.

The "CeLAYbration" is scheduled at Woodville Heights Baptist Church in Jackson, beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28; and ending at 4:45 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29.

The host church has recently become involved in some aspects of lay renewal and pastor Carl Savell is a featured speaker during the weekend. He will explain his church's involvement and how his people are "taking bold steps to become a ministering church," says Savell.

The weekend includes singing, preaching, dialogue groups, and fellowship, and information on further involvement for those already acquainted with renewal. Others featured on the program include Ron and Pat Owens, evangelist music team. Pat is a Laurel native.

David Haney, director of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission's lay renewal department, will be on hand to discuss renewal. Bill Clemmons, also of the Brotherhood Commission will explain the formation of groups as related to renewal.

James Mahoney, a full time evangelistic and conference speaker, will deliver a major address during the event and Reid Hardin, director of renewal evangelism for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board will speak on "Renewal Awakening."

The weekend celebration is sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission, the Home Mission Board, and the Brotherhood Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Paul Harrell, Brotherhood Department director will coordinate the event.

A registration fee of \$1 per person will need to be included with each reservation. Please make checks payable to the Brotherhood Department. Mail reservations to: Brotherhood Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

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SBC Executive Committee Approves Evangelism Plan Denomination Sets Task Of Proclaiming Christ To All

NASHVILLE (BP) — Taking a step unprecedented in the history of inter-agency cooperation, the Southern Baptist Executive Committee approved a master plan here to coordinate the denomination's ambitious goal of proclaiming the message of Christ to everyone in the world by the year 2000.

The Executive Committee also recommended a national Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program budget for 1978-79 of \$75 million.

Basing its plan on Southern Baptist Convention actions instructing it to coordinate the long-range plan, the Executive Committee approved formation of a 55-member Bold Mission Thrust Leadership Group to work with the Executive Committee to accomplish the coordination and promotion of Bold Mission Thrust.

The entire plan — including support for the SBC's Cooperative Program giving and the newly formed Mission Service Corps — will operate under the banner of Bold Mission Thrust. That designation, previously applied to the

SBC Home Mission Board's part of the overall Bold Mission emphasis, caught the imagination of Southern Baptist state and national leadership. It had become a generally used term.

The Executive Committee approved appropriations of up to \$30,000 to help with general coordination and promotion expense for the Leadership Group and a Leadership Group Steering Committee, which was also approved.

The Leadership Group will hold at least one regular meeting a year and at other times as needed. The Steering Committee will meet as often as needed.

Albert McClellan, associate executive secretary and director of program planning for the Executive Committee, will serve as staff coordinator for the Leadership Group, according to Porter Routh, the Executive Committee's executive secretary-treasurer.

Executive Committee chairman W. Ches Smith, a Tifton, Ga., pastor, will be chairman of the Bold Mission Thrust Leadership Group.

Smith also is chairman of the committee developing Mission Service Corps, the program which seeks to put 5,000 volunteer missionaries on the home and foreign mission fields for one to two years of service by 1982. The Executive Committee officially approved Mission Service Corps guidelines at the same time it approved the Bold Mission Thrust Leadership Group. Specific details for Mission Service Corps implementation are expected by mid October.

Neither the Executive Committee

nor the Leadership Group, comprising a wide range of SBC agency and state convention representatives, will take over the role of any SBC agency.

Coordination for the effort will involve staff assistance, general promotional aid, and general coordination in several areas of Southern Baptist life as those areas relate to Bold Mission Thrust.

Those areas include Southern Baptist plan of Cooperative Program support, the Mission Service Corps committee, the Volunteer Involvement in Missions program, the Missions Education Council, SBC missions challenge recommendations for proclaiming the message of Christ to everyone in the world, and the Coordinated Promotion Planning function of the SBC Inter-Agency Council.

Volunteers Involvement in Missions is a short-term missions program for periods of service generally for less than one year operated by the Foreign and Home Mission Boards. Missions Education Council is made up of representatives of five Southern Baptist missions agencies to coordinate joint missions education projects. Coordinated Promotion Planning, made up of SBC agency program leaders, meets to do joint planning on what can be done to strengthen churches in implementing SBC emphases.

The Executive Committee's Bold Mission Thrust action also envisions a church emphasis plan to help churches lead its members to active Bold Mission Thrust involvement increasing their commitment to missions and enlarging their support of missions.

\$75 Million Budget

The \$75 million budget goal, according to Porter Routh, the Executive Committee's executive secretary-treasurer, symbolizes the SBC's first major effort at cooperation — the \$75 million campaign of more than 50 years ago.

The \$75 million goal includes \$62 million in basic operating needs for SBC agencies, \$2 million in capital needs, and \$11 million in Bold Mission Thrust challenge funds.

The Executive Committee also approved a tentative Executive Committee budget of \$667,200 for 1977-78, subject to SBC approval, voted a six percent cost of living increase for staff and brought itself into line with an Internal Revenue Service policy by designating 25 percent of ordained staff members' salaries as housing allowance.

In other developments, the Executive Committee authorized employment of R. Orin Cornett, a former executive director of the SBC Education Commission, to consult with SBC seminary presidents in revising and renewing the formula by which SBC Cooperative Program funds are distributed to the seminaries. The committee appropriated up to \$1,500 for that purpose.

The Executive Committee, in a series of other actions, appropriated up to \$30,000 from Convention Operating Reserves to help with expenses for general coordination and promotion of Bold Mission Thrust; recommended the Hyatt Regency as the headquarters hotel for the 1979 SBC meeting in Houston.

On second reading, the Executive Committee approved changes in wording of several articles in the SBC constitution to make gender terminology uniform, subject to SBC approval.

It also authorized the Radio and (Continued on page 2)

Sunday School Convention To Be Held In Four Cities

The 1977 Mississippi Sunday School Bible Teaching Conventions will meet regionally in four cities in mid-October.

Sponsored by the convention board's Sunday School Department, the con-

ventions offer information and techniques for those who lead in Sunday School departments and classes.

The conventions, with identical curriculum, will meet at Parkway Baptist Church in Natchez, Oct. 10; at First

Baptist Church in Brookhaven, Oct. 11; at First Baptist Church, Laurel, Oct. 12; and at Calvary Baptist Church, Oct. 13. Each meeting will begin at 2:30 in the church sanctuary, and adjourn at 9:15 p.m. No group meal will be served. Child care will be provided by host churches for ages birth through five only.

General sessions will be led in Bible study by Ellis Bush, pastor of First Church, Shreveport, La.

Age group leadership conferences will be led by a number of professionals in Sunday School work. Preschool conferences are to be led by Miss Florie Anne Lawton, Sunday School Board consultant; and Mrs. Janet Adcock, a special worker from Biloxi, and formerly with the Sunday School Board.

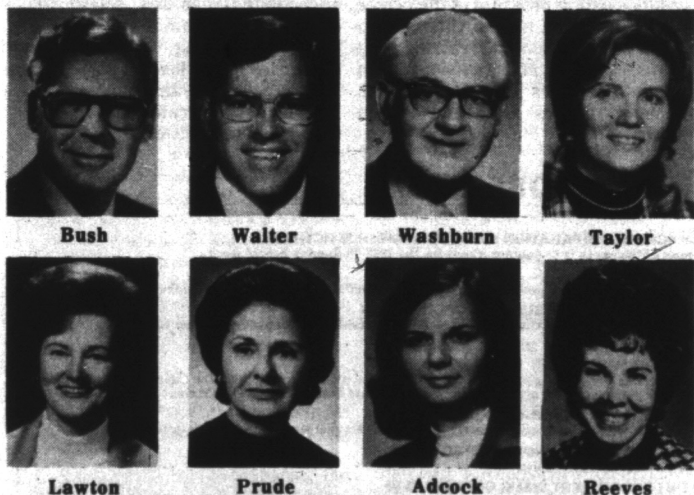
Children's worker conferences will be led by Mrs. Vivian Reeves special worker from Jackson; Mrs. Jerri Her-ring, of the Alabama Baptist Convention; and Mrs. Beth Taylor, staffer at First Church, Nashville.

The two youth conferences will be led by Mrs. Kathleen Prude, special worker from Birmingham; and Mrs. B. J. Dean, youth worker from Mobile, Ala. Adults are to be led by Jim Walter, Sunday School Board consultant; and Wallace Carrier, a Sunday School Board editor.

Separate conferences for general officers in Sunday Schools will be led by A. V. Washburn, recently retired secretary of the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own curriculum materials including teachers' quarterlies.

These conferences are a Cooperative Program ministry.



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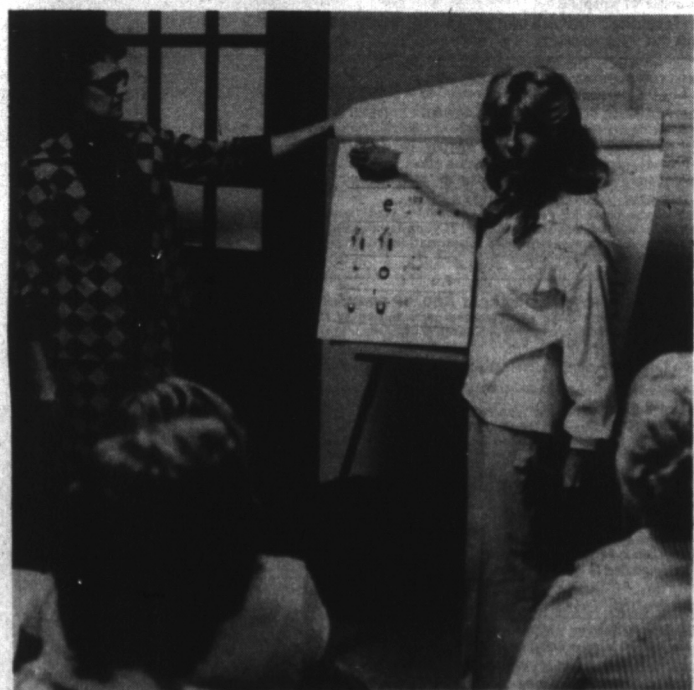
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"Now Repeat After Me..."

Fran Kenyon, right, practices teaching a literacy lesson as Dee McFarland gives pointers on delivery. The class was part of a week of training given in Jackson to equip people to teach others how to read. Mrs. McFarland is a literacy missions associate for the Home Mission Board, residing in Princeton, Ill. Approximately 40 students took the training which was sponsored by the Christian Social Ministries office of the Hinds-Madison Baptist Association. They came from five different counties in the state and included representatives from several denominations, but participants were predominantly Southern Baptist. Mrs. Kenyon, a member of Jackson's Hillcrest Baptist Church, plans to teach a young Thai woman to read and speak English. Brenda Myers directs literacy ministries for the association.

ABC Reportedly Gave Free 'Soap' Advertising

NASHVILLE (BP) — ABC-TV appears to be peddling its controversial new show "Soap" to potential sponsors at no cost or at reduced advertising rates, according to the Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission, one of the most outspoken opponents of the adult sex comedy series.

The chairman of the New York City advertising agency for American Home Products, which advertised on the second episode of "Soap," Sept. 20, has told the Christian Life Commission that American Home Products did not pay ABC "one penny" for its prime-time Anacin commercial.

"We did not pay, and will not pay, one penny," Dan Rodgers, chairman of the John F. Murray advertising agency told the commission. "They gave us a free ride."

Harry N. Hollis Jr., the Christian Life Commission's director of family and special moral concerns, said ABC's offer to American Home Products raises serious questions about the future of the new program.

"Will ABC," Hollis asked, "offer other advertisers a 'free ride' in order to conceal the fact that 'Soap' is in deep trouble? Why does ABC want to save a show that majors on sex miseducation and immorality?"

An ABC spokesman, Richard Connelly, vice president for public relations, declined to confirm or deny any aspects of the Christian Life Commission's report because the network has a policy of not discussing financial re-

lationships with advertisers.

How much American Home Products' "free ride" is worth is difficult to estimate, commission officials say, because advertisers have told them (Continued on page 2)

Sunday School Board Divests ABC Stock

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) has sold 2,500 shares of American Broadcasting Company stock because the board does not approve of programming related to the abuse of human sexuality, violence and perversion.

Grady C. Cothen, president of the world's largest publisher of religious materials, said a professional money manager which invests board funds was instructed to sell the stock in three stages because of the state of the market.

"During the controversy over the sex-oriented program 'Soap,' we discovered the 2,500 shares in an examination of our portfolio held by one money manager," Cothen told Baptist Press, news service of the Southern Baptist Convention. "Since we do not approve of the program in question, nor of some other programs related to abuse of human sexuality, violence and perversion, we decided it was not proper to hold ABC stock."

The stock, worth nearly \$100,000, represented only a small portion of some \$33 million invested by the Sunday School Board, which operates on an annual budget of \$77.3 million and employs some 1,500 persons.

Missionaries Expect To Meet With Amin

RICHMOND (BP) — Southern Baptist missionary G. Webster Carroll told officials at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board here that missionaries or representatives from the Baptists, Seventh Day Adventists, and Salvation Army expect to meet with Ugandan President Idi Amin during the week of Sept. 26-30.

The meeting comes after Amin reportedly declared himself "willing and ready to meet" with the representatives.

Amin announced on about Sept. 20 that 27 different religious groups, including these three international groups, are banned from Uganda because, he said, they "were not conducive to national security."

Baptist missionaries have been given assurances that they can stay in Uganda as expatriates if they want to do so. They also have permission to conduct any social service ministries they want. The Carrolls have been doing general evangelism work and the James L. Rices have been working in business administration for the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Uganda.

The four groups still allowed to worship in Uganda are the Roman Catholic Church, the Anglican Church of Uganda, the Uganda Orthodox Church (related to Greek Orthodox Church) and the Muslim religion.

Border Problems Speed African Mission Split

LIMURU, Kenya (BP) — The Baptist Mission of East Africa, the largest organization of missionaries under the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, divided into two groups, Sept. 1.

The mission voted at its annual meeting in 1976 to become two missions, one composed of missionaries assigned to Kenya and one of missionaries in Tanzania. The division was originally scheduled to take effect Jan. 1, 1978, and will be finalized on that date.

Because of the present border difficulties between the two countries, the date for the division was moved up and administrations of the two missions now function separately.

All border traffic by land between Tanzania and Kenya has been halted with the exception of travel by special permits granted from Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania's capital, according to Evelyn (Mrs. Douglas M.) Knapp, Southern Baptist missionary press representative.

The Baptist Mission of East Africa was organized in 1956. Since the beginning of the work, 274 churches in Kenya and 247 churches in Tanzania have been started. The figure for Kenya does not include 185 new congregations begun during the year-long Giryama evangelistic project.

A total of 196 missionaries are as-

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Television Commission to borrow against its 1977-78 capital needs allotment of \$56,700 to buy radio production equipment for updating control rooms for which the allotment was designed.

Church Bond Issues
In another action, the Executive Committee asked its business and financial plan work group and the Executive Committee staff to meet with representatives of the SBC Home

Mission Board to consider the feasibility of the board's church loans division working with churches considering church bond issues.

Southern Baptist Convention President Jimmy Allen, speaking before the Executive Committee, claimed that "the gospel of Christ has a stake" in the Panama Canal treaty, indicating that the decision of Congress on the treaty may have a significant impact

on missions efforts in the Third World. Allen referred to the canal as "a symbol of colonial exploitation which cripples our witness as American Christians."

"It may well be," he said, "that the agreement is an essential step toward clearing away the debris of yesterday in order to get to the tasks of today and tomorrow."

Allen urged Southern Baptists to study carefully the details of the agreement and to address themselves to the moral implications of the issue. He challenged them to "ask the basic questions which sweep away the rhetoric of demagoguery—is it right; is it just; and in the light of our world today, is it wise?"

Allen called on the Executive Committee to take the lead in helping Southern Baptists "recognize a new day . . . Our people have a mind to work," Allen said. "They've given us their money, attention and attendance about as long as they can stand it. Now they are ready to give themselves."

He warned against cynicism on the part of Southern Baptist leaders, and he challenged them to seize new opportunities with a priority on missions and "an openness to the mystical."

The denominational bureaucracy "may dull the most exciting adventure in the history of Southern Baptists," he warned, "unless we take our organization and make it work."

ABC Reportedly Gave Free Soap Advertising

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that ABC has offered advertising time on the program at various reduced rates.

The initial set price for a 30-second commercial spot on "Soap," which the network expected to earn high Nielsen ratings, was approximately \$75,000, according to the advertising manager for one company which sponsored the Sept. 20 episode of "Soap."

Although most of the advertisers appear to be buying commercial time on "Soap" as a part of a package of programming time, the "freeride" for American Home Products was worth about \$40,000, according to Rodgers.

Rodgers told the commission that at the present time American Home Products does not expect to be a sponsor of

"Soap."

Commission officials said they have been unable to learn whether other "Soap" sponsors have received free commercial time.

Sponsors which have appeared on at least one of the first two episodes of "Soap," are Lee Filter Division, Edison, N. J.; Mem Company (English Leather), Northvale, N. J.; Bic Pen Corporation, Milford, Conn.; Vlassic Foods, Inc., West Bloomfield, Mich.; Max Factor, Hollywood, Calif.; Jovan, Inc., Chicago, Ill.; American Home Products, New York, N. Y.; Manischewitz Light Wines, Atlanta, Ga.; Preference by L'Oreal, New York, N. Y.; and Presto Industries (Presto Fry Baby), Eau Claire, Wis.

English Classes Offered For Jackson County Internationals

Jackson County Baptist Association's director of missions, Zeno Wells, has announced the beginning of a new

ministry in that county. Conversational English classes for international adults are now being of-

fered twice a week. One group meets on Wednesday mornings at First Church, Pascagoula, and another at First Church, Gautier, on Thursday nights. Both schools are staffed with trained teachers and offer classes in sewing, cooking, and preparing for American citizenship, as well as the two levels of English instruction.

The program is directed by Fran Vandercook who works with about 25 other volunteers from 12 of the association's churches. According to Mrs. Vandercook, "We are meeting a real need and making friends with new people. That will give us a chance to tell them about Jesus."

More than 20 students are already enrolled, from ten countries. "It doesn't matter what language they speak," says Mrs. Vandercook, "We all speak English when we are together. You should hear us sing around the piano. Old McDonald's farm never had pigs who oinked with so many accents before."



Border Problems Speed Split

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signed to the two countries. With the division, there will be 124 missionaries assigned to Kenya and 72 assigned to Tanzania.

Work within the missions now includes agricultural projects, a hospital, several medical clinics, a seminary, two high schools, publication and communication programs, and three adult education centers.

"The decision to divide came with mixed emotions to the nearly 200 members of the missions who realize that the division means a separation of the close mission family," said Mrs. Knapp. The decision resulted from a conviction that the work of the churches in the two countries would be strengthened, she continued. "Tanzania and Kenya have been developing individually and have separate national conventions."

The publications house, the mass communications center, the assembly grounds in Kenya and the theological seminary in Tanzania will continue to serve both nations.

No man undertakes a trade he has not learned, even the meanest; yet every one thinks himself sufficiently qualified for the hardest of all trades—that of government. — Socrates



Coffeerville Gets Training Award

Church Training members of First Church, Coffeerville, have attained Distinguished Recognition in the use of the Church Training Achievement Guide. The church is one of eight in the state which has earned Distinguished Recognition during the current year. Pictured are the Church Training leaders at First, Coffeerville. Front row: Judy Fithian, Adult Department director; pastor Donny L. Stewart; and Billie L. Shaw, Children's Department director. Back row: Mrs. Ruth Ellett, Bible drill director; Cecil Brower, Adult associate director; and Mrs. Mae Landreth, Church Training director. This church also has an adult training group and a children's department which have earned Merit Recognition in their age-division Achievement Guides.



Calhoun Men Plan For Stewardship Emphasis

Forty-eight men from the churches in Calhoun County Association attended a supper meeting at Pittsboro Church to finalize plans for stewardship emphasis in the churches during September and October. Roy Davis, Stewardship Chairman for Calhoun County, states that laymen are speaking in over 40 churches. Hollis Bryant is director of missions for Calhoun Association.



Lakeshore Dedicates Building

The new building for Lakeshore Baptist Church, Jackson, which was organized one year ago, was dedicated Sept. 18. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer for the Mississippi Baptist Convention, was the dedication speaker. The 10 acres of property in Southwest Jackson belonging to the church was purchased for \$40,000 with funds from the Margaret Lackey offering for State Missions. Fred

Tarpley, center, director of associational missions for Hinds-Madison Association, is interim pastor. He shakes hands with Deacon David Lingle, who was the contractor. Albert Parks, chairman of deacons, is at left. Services began at Rice Acres on Sept. 19, 1976, and a mobile chapel was moved onto the site on Oct. 31. The church was organized on March 13. The church has 111 members.

Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion

Texarkana, (EP) — Thousands of American Gypsies are expected to attend the first national Gypsy Christian Convention to be held in this country September 18-25. The meeting will convene at the International Chemical Center here, and is sponsored by the Assemblies of God Division of Home Missions.

Oklahoma City (BP) — A five-member surgical team which performs sex-change operations at Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City have agreed to a moratorium on the operation following a request by Joe L. Ingram, executive director-treasurer of Oklahoma Baptists. Although the moratorium remains in effect, the hospital's governing board, elected by the state Baptist Convention, voted 11-5 and the executive committee of the medical staff voted 12-2 to continue the operations. The issue may be discussed further at the annual meeting of Oklahoma Baptists, Nov. 14-16 in Tulsa.

Oslo (RNS) — More than one-third of Norway's 1,700 churches are closed and empty each Sunday due to lack of clergy, according to a report in the Church of Norway News.

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — David du Plessis, a leader of the charismatic renewal movement and founder of the Pentecostal-World Conferences, says he feels "certain the Lord does not intend that there be one charismatic church or denomination."

Chicago (RNS) — A Catholic elementary school here will extend its usual two-week Christmas holidays to a five-week winter vacation this year in an effort to save on fuel costs. To meet state attendance requirements, St. John Berchmans School began classes a week earlier this Fall and will drop its traditional Easter vacation and most other holidays, according to principal Nicholas Zangara. It also will add a week to the school schedule in June.

Woodland Park, Colo. (RNS) — Some 29 outraged church women persuaded two stores in this small mountain community west of Colorado Springs to remove Playboy, Playgirl, Qui, Penthouse and similar magazines from their newsstands. Roused by a display of the magazines shown to them by Oklahoma City evangelist Larry Jones, the women implied they would boycott the Circle Super grocery and the local 7-11 store if the publications were not removed.

Culpeper, Va. (BP) — The Hurt Gerontology Center here will receive a \$90,000 gift from an anonymous benefactor, according to the executive committee of Virginia Baptist Homes. Charles E. Neal, executive director, said the gift will strengthen the already existing program of the center, which is committed to the development of education and training programs, research, and provision of complete resources (including books, tapes and papers) in the field of gerontology.

Russians Ask To Reopen A Church

MOSCOW (EP) — Taking an unusual public stand for religious liberty, 1,700 residents of Gorky have signed a petition asking the Soviet government to reopen one of the city's closed churches.

The declaration states that the Volga River city of Gorky, once one of the U.S.S.R.'s flourishing religious centers, now has only three small Russian Orthodox churches to serve nearly 1.5 million people.

Moscow, by comparison, has approximately 100 functioning churches for a population four times larger than Gorky, 400 miles to the west.

The petition, according to an AP report, asks the government to allow its signers to use their own money and labor to renovate some of the city's old churches that now stand unused and crumbling.

Cauthen Recovering After Heart Attack

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (BP) — Baker J. Cauthen, executive director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, was reported making a good recovery in a hospital here after suffering a heart attack Sept. 18.

His attending physician, treating Cauthen in the coronary care unit of Medical Center Hospital, said he expects Cauthen to make a "full recovery." Earlier reports indicated Cauthen had not suffered a heart attack but more complete examination revealed that a coronary thrombosis had occurred.

The doctor reported that the attack damaged the lower front part of Cauthen's heart, but reported his condition as stable. He suggested two months of recuperation before Cauthen resumes his responsibilities.

Board President William L. Self, who visited Cauthen in Huntsville, Sept. 19, said that administrative responsibilities of the Foreign Mission Board will be carried by the staff's executive council during this interim period. The council comprises directors of the three divisions of the board — overseas, mission support, and business services. Cauthen's administrative associate, Rogers M. Smith, will preside at the meetings in the executive director's absence.

Revival Results

Highland, Vicksburg: Sept. 11-14; Crawford Williams, First, Tallulah, La., evangelist; Mrs. Martha Branham, Dallas, Tex., soloist; Chuck Endsley, organist at Calvary, Jackson, guest pianist; David Grimsley, song leader; Mrs. George Bane, organist; James Messer, pastor; eight rededications; six by letter; one by statement; one for baptism.

OCTOBER, 1977

Sunday School	<p>SUNDAY SCHOOL PREPARATION WEEK, SEPTEMBER 25-OCTOBER 2 The purpose of this week is to equip workers for the 1977-78 Sunday School work.</p> <p>REACH OUT 77 This is an effort to enroll new people in Bible study in significant and appreciable numbers.</p> <p>ACTION IN STARTING NEW SUNDAY SCHOOLS PLAN This plan proposes that each church examine its potential for starting new Sunday Schools and take ACTION to do so.</p> <p>BIBLE VENTURE WORKSHOP The purpose of this workshop is to focus the thinking and activity of a church on the Bible and to rekindle enthusiasm for personal and group Bible study. Write state Sunday School Department for free leaflet.</p> <p>POTENTIAL WORKER TRAINING CLASS Begin a potential worker training class early in October. Manual is available from Baptist Book Store.</p> <p>ADULT START-A-CLASS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 See Adult Leadership each month.</p> <p>REACH OUT ENROLLMENT WEEK, OCTOBER 23-30 See Reach Out 77 pamphlet.</p> <p>HIGH ATTENDANCE DAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL, OCTOBER 30 See Reach Out 77 pamphlet.</p>
Church Training	<p>CHURCH: THE SUNDAY NIGHT PLACE Conduct Lift-Off Month for the church promotion of CHURCH: THE SUNDAY NIGHT PLACE.</p> <p>PROVIDE TRAINING FOR CHURCH TRAINING LEADERS Use Job Training Guides in September issue of Church Training magazine for individual training.</p> <p>CHURCH TRAINING ROUND-UP AND ROUND-OUT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 October 2 is suggested as a special visitation effort to get all members present (round-up) and complete the organization (round-out) in youth and adult training groups.</p> <p>STUDY THE NEW "DEVELOPING" BOOKS New study course books for general officers, adults, youth leaders, children's leaders, and church recreation committees and leaders are available. If your association does not provide an associational Church Training Leader Lab (as recommended to associational leaders for October 3-4), plan to study these new books during October or November.</p>
Church Music	<p>CONGREGATIONAL HYMN REHEARSAL AND/OR PRAISING(S) An effort to bring about more wholehearted participation by all members of the congregation in hymn singing. Brochure available from state Church Music Department.</p> <p>HYMN OF THE MONTH "Share His Love", Hymn # 285, New Baptist Hymnal</p>
Brotherhood & WMU	<p>MISSIONS NIGHT OUT — INITIATE OCTOBER 2 A plan for reaching people for mission study who have not been involved. Order free folder from WMU or Brotherhood offices in Jackson. Resource booklet available at Baptist Book Store, and an insert placed in Baptist Program.</p>
Woman's Missionary Union	<p>OBSERVE WORLD MISSION CONFERENCES, OCTOBER 1 Observe as scheduled in the association.</p>
Stewardship	<p>OBSERVE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM MONTH Conduct the annual budget development and subscription emphasis.</p> <p>PARTICIPATE IN BOLD BELIEVERS IN GIVING Each church enlarging the giving base by increasing the number of committed stewards. (See Bold Mission Packet)</p>
Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries	<p>CONDUCT INSTALLATION SERVICE, OCTOBER 1 Purpose: A public commitment of workers to services they have been asked to render. For more information, contact Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department, MBCB.</p> <p>EMPHASIZE CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT DIPLOMA Each church having a number of persons equivalent to the total number of church-elected leaders receive the Christian Development Diploma in 1977-79.</p> <p>EMPHASIZE CAREER MISSIONS Each church seeking at least one Career Missions Volunteer through weeks of prayer and Life Commitment Day. See Bold Mission Packet.</p> <p>SERMON SUGGESTIONS Each pastor preaching a mission sermon at least once a month (as he feels led) and issuing an invitation to mission service. See Bold Mission Packet.</p> <p>CONDUCT BOLD DAY OF COMMITMENT, OCTOBER 2 Each church with a day of commitment to Bold Mission on the first Sunday of October, 1977. See Bold Mission Packet.</p>

Library Meeting Features Mississippiian Wayne Todd

The sixth annual workshop of the Mississippi Baptist Library Organization will take place Oct. 21-22 at First Baptist Church in Hattiesburg.

The workshop will feature presentations by Wayne Todd, secretary of the church library department of the Sunday School Board in Nashville; Young S. Lee, librarian for William Carey College; and Bobby Sanford, principal of Franklin Academy Elementary School in Columbus and audiovisual director for First Church in Columbus.

Others on the program include:



Rose



Mee



Sanford



Lee

James Rose and Keith Mee, both of the Sunday School Board's church library department, and Larry Sanford, of the Sunday School department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 21, with sessions beginning at 1 p.m. A banquet is scheduled for Friday evening at 6 p.m.

Saturday registration for persons attending only that day's events, begins at 8 a.m., with the program getting underway at 8:30, and adjourning at noon.

Program headliner, Wayne Todd is a native Mississippian from Wiggins, a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky. Prior to assuming his present position with the Sunday School Board in 1959, he was pastor of First Baptist Church, Brookhaven. And was earlier pastor of Jackson's Daniel Memorial Baptist Church. He is retiring this year from the Sunday School Board.

Session titles include: classifying and cataloging (the Dewey Decimal System explained), audiovisuals, promotion, library ministries and book selection, "help, I'm a librarian," and included will be a special session for new and inexperienced librarians.

Methods for participation in the major book drive in Mississippi will be discussed during the workshop.

For reservations for the banquet, contact Larry Sanford at Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, or phone 354-3704. Cost for the banquet is \$2.75 per person.

Rec Lab: Puppets To Skiing

NASHVILLE — Courses ranging from mountaineering skills to puppet production to skiing are among the workshops to be offered at the 1978 Rec Lab, Jan. 26 - Feb. 1, at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center.

Sponsored by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church recreation department, Rec Lab is designed to provide professional recreation workers an opportunity to sharpen work-related skills. Participation is limited to church staff members and denominational recreation workers and spouses, and conferees are asked to stay for the entire seven-day session. A limited number of students in the area of recreation will be accepted.

Approximately 30 workshops highlight the 1978 Rec Lab, as well as worship services led by worship leader Stuart Arnold and music leader Mark Blankenship. Arnold is a consultant in the Sunday School Board's Sunday School department, and Blankenship is a consultant in the board's church music department.

A special skiing conference will include ideas for planning a church-sponsored ski retreat, tips on equipment care and first aid, and daily trips to the Sante Fe ski slopes. Cost for this conference is not included in the \$125 total.

Cost for the week is \$125 for each person; provisions are not available for children.

Since conferees are accepted on a first come, first served basis, advance reservations must be made. To register, send a \$25 registration fee for each participant to R. Maines Rawls, Church Recreation Department, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234.

The Missions Task Lord Of All Nations

By John Alexander, Director, Stewardship Department

This article concludes a "through the Bible" look at the subject, "All Nations in the Purpose of God."

With the conversion of the first century chief enemy of the Christian faith, Saul of Tarsus, a strict Pharisee, a new dimension was added to the understanding and work of missions that the "unlettered" fishermen and tax gatherers could never have provided. A "Hebrew of the Hebrews," blameless under the law" (Phil. 3:4-6), student of Gamaliel (Acts 22:3-5), and a Pharisee according to the strictest sect (Acts 26:4-5), Saul of Tarsus discovered that Abraham's blood in one's veins and observation of religious rules was woefully inadequate for salvation. On the Damascus Road, Saul of Tarsus, the chief of sinners, met Jesus Christ, the risen Saviour. Set apart from his mother's womb (Gal. 1:15-16), to bear Christ's name far away before the Gentiles (Acts 9:15; 22:21-22), Paul the Apostle began his mission to the "Jew first and also the Greek (Gentile)" (Rom. 1:16).

He ran into heated opposition from the Jerusalem conference (Acts 15:1-31) and also had to stand up to Peter and Barnabas.

Paul brought a new dimension to the theology of missions. He taught that "All have sinned" and all are to be justified by faith alone (Rom. 3:21-31), whosoever believes will be saved, Jew or Gentile (Rom. 10:9-12), and that all are one in Christ (Gal. 3:28).

Paul explained apparent distinctions made in the Old Testament (Gal. 4:1-7) between minor children and household slaves, and between natural citizens and naturalized aliens (Eph. 2:11-22). He also explained the olive tree (Rom. 11:17-24) and wild olive grafts. He went on to explain the New Israel as not biological, but spiritual in such passages as Rom. 2:28-29; 4:13-17; 9:6-8, 24-33; Gal. 3:29; and I Cor. 12:13.

He showed that the Glorious Mystery (Col. 1:24-27) was now fully revealed although it was hidden from past generations. Paul was himself a faithful steward in explaining and proclaiming the mysteries of God (I Cor. 4:1-2). He told his readers that it was God's purpose (Eph. 1:9-14) that Jews first have the gospel but that Gentiles also should receive an inheritance. He explained the revealed mystery more fully (Eph. 3:1-13): It is that Gentiles are fellow-heirs according to "the Plan of the Ages," now made known, in order that God's manifold wisdom might be vindicated in the eyes of the spiritual rulers and authorities in heavenly places.

Simon Peter came to agree with Paul (I Peter 2:9-10) that Christians (both Jew and Gentile) are the new Chosen People, a Priest Nation, called for the purpose of proclaiming the truth about God.

The New Testament concludes with John's vision of the glorious consummation as a kingdom assembled "of priests from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation" (Rev. 5:9-10). John sees "a multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne . . . Amen and Amen" (Rev. 7:9-12).

From these nations, tribes, peoples, and languages God is today gathering this multitude. Southern Baptists are in the mainstream of this divinely instigated and supplied effort.

We are not doing enough. We must and will do more, much more! It must begin with the individual Christian as he or she responds to the call of the Redeeming Christ. The churches must increasingly yield themselves as instruments of the Spirit to instruct and call God's people to deeper and more meaningful commitment. Each must answer to God personally for his or her response.

WMU

"Tell The Good News" Is Acteens Meet Theme

The 1977 Acteens meetings for junior high girls will center on the theme, "Tell The Good News."

Three meetings are scheduled during October for Acteens grades 7-9. Dates and places are: October 1 at Camp Garaywa (changed from Mississippi College); Oct. 22 at Clarke College, Newton; and October 29 at Blue Mountain College.

Janie Boykin, student at the University of Southern Mississippi and a former BSU summer missionary to Liberia will be responsible for the music program at each meeting and will share her experiences in Liberia. Foreign missionaries for these meetings will be Mrs. Stanley (Glen-

na) Stamps, Nicaragua, at Garaywa; Mrs. Jerry (Carol) Simon, Taiwan, at Clarke College.

Special program features will be conferences for Acteens on Mission Action, Direct Evangelism, Stewardship, and time with the missionaries.

The first session will begin at 10:00 a.m. Afternoon activities will conclude at 2:00 p.m.

Registration fee is \$3.00 per person and should be sent to Junior High Acteens meeting, WMU Office, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

Marilyn Hopkins, Acteens consultant, Mississippi WMU will conduct these meetings.

Fringe Benefits And Church Expense

By Clifton Perkins
Director, Department of Church - Minister Relations

"Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel" (I Cor. 9:14). This is a ringing declaration from the Bible and it raises an important question. How long should this care last? The obvious answer is for life. That may be a frightening thought, but it is a clear implication of this word from God.

How can a church take care of its pastor for life—especially in the years of old age. The best way for a church to provide for this life-long care for its pastor and staff is through a retirement and insurance program. The business world categorizes these particular items as "fringe benefits." Usually included in the package are retirement, life insurance, disability protection, and medical insurance. In the realm of business "fringe benefits" are an important part of the total salary package.

For employees of the church, the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention makes the following twofold recommendation:

1. That the church participate in the "new" Southern Baptist retirement program, depositing an amount equal to 10% of each employee's total salary.
2. That the church provide life, disability, and medical insurance protection for each full-time employee, paying at least one-half of the premium cost as an employee benefit.

Church participation in these programs will insure lifetime income in retirement. It also provides benefits if an employee dies or is disabled prior to retirement age.

You have heard the old saying "if you can't beat them join them." W. E. Thörn relates an experience he had in a big church wedding that illustrates the point. "The couple was standing before the altar. The hour was most solemn. After saying the introduction to the ceremony, I turned to the groom and asked him to clasp right hands. He thought I said clasp hands, so in the middle of the ceremony this lad began to clasp his hands. Hurriedly I turned to the bride and repeated the same statement. She then began to clasp her hands. So I just joined in and clapped with them."

In the matter of a "fringe benefit" package, the wisest thing might be to join in and "clasp hands" with the Annuity Board, so to speak. It would be difficult, if not impossible, to find a better plan anywhere.

One other matter that needs to be dealt with before the staff salary part of the budget is complete is car and convention expense. Some churches list these items as part of the staff member's salary. But really they are not—they are church business expense.

A salesman's travel expense is not considered part of his salary. It is called business operating expense. We would be following sound business practice by putting car expense, allocation for conventions and the like in another section of the budget.

Remember, too, that gas and oil prices have zoomed in recent months and the peak is not in sight. A report by a leading automobile association reveals that driving a 1977 intermediate size American car of eight cylinders will cost 20.2 cents a mile on the average nationally, or \$2,019 a year, if driven 10,000 miles.

Somewhere I ran across this account of a conversation between a teenage boy and his daddy. The boy said, "How about some nice creamy dough. You know let's pick the lettuce." When asked by his father why he needed money, he replied, "I gotta do time with a chick. I need push water for old sputnik. We're crawling out to a smooth spot where they douse the gleam and cut the rug."

In contrast, let me say in plain language, the pastor needs money for gas, oil, tires, and other accessories for his car to be used on church business. Certainly our churches will want to take high cost into consideration in budgeting automobile expenses used on church business by staff members.

A capable, dedicated staff is the greatest human asset any church has; and I know our churches will provide adequately for them in the matter of "fringe benefits" and expense items.

Cooperative Missions

Conferees To Look At Social Ministries

Christian Social Ministries Awareness Conferences will be held on October 3 at the First Baptist Church, Biloxi and on October 4 at the Baptist Center, Meridian. There will be afternoon and night sessions in each of the cities.

Program personnel are: Clovis Brantley, and Harold Wilcox, associate in the Christian Social Ministry Department, Home Mission Board; and Miss Judy Ann Fortenberry, Intern in Counseling, First Baptist Church, Jackson.

Brantley will speak on "Church Week-Day Ministries"; Wilcox will speak on Juvenile Offenders, Criminal Justice System; Drug & Alcohol Ministries; and Miss Fortenberry will speak on "Christian Counseling and Vocational Guidance."

This conference is being held for

Church Music

Communications Study To Be At Daniel Church



Sparrow



Rumbley

A Creative Pulpit Communications Workshop will be held at Daniel Memorial Baptist Church in Jackson on October 13. The 9:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. sessions will be for pastors and leaders in the fields of Music, Drama, and Youth, and for interested persons in the area of audiovisual communications.

Two nationally known personalities will be on hand during these sessions. Eldon Sparrow from the Radio and TV Commission in Ft. Worth, Tex., is considered one of the foremost experts in the fields of sound and sound systems today. He will lead a discussion/demonstration session. His presentation will be helpful to those planning to install sound systems in their sanctuary, as well as those who want to evaluate the possible need for sound systems.

Rosemary Rumbley from First Baptist Church Dallas, Tex., will also be on hand with expert advice in the

area of Drama. She received her Ph.D. in Communications from North Texas State University, taught speech at North Texas; and for 12 years was chairman of Communications at Dallas Baptist Church. She has been in musicals with such personalities as John Davidson, Ginger Rogers, Carol Lawrence and Van Johnson. In addition to roles in two films she has also done radio and TV commercials. She now directs the Singers' Department and the Drama Guild at First Baptist Church, Dallas. She will use her vast knowledge of these areas in her drama section.

Four simultaneous sessions will be held in these areas: 1. Portable Sound Equipment led by Charles Redd, Long Beach, 2. Lighting led by David Lanham, Jackson; 3. Multi-Image led by Don Ellis and Gerald Smith, Jackson, and 4. Music with Drama led by Rumbley. Other program personalities will include: Paul Brooks and Gary Hodges, Woodlawn Baptist Church, Vicksburg; Byron Malone and Paul Tapp, Daniel Memorial Baptist Church, Jackson; and Ron Rainer, FBC, Pearl; Dan C. Hall, director church music department, Jackson.

There will be a worship service at 6:30 utilizing many areas of the Creative Communications under the direction of Don Ellis and Gerald Smith. The public is invited to this service.

For more information on this workshop and registration, please contact: Church Music Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.



Plans For Revival

Richard Porter, left, president of the East Mississippi Baptist Convention, and Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, discuss plans for a joint simultaneous revival effort throughout the state in April of 1979. The two have been named co-chairman of a joint committee of National Baptists and Southern Baptists to work out details for the simultaneous effort. The committee is meeting in Jackson today (Sept. 29). The Home Mission Board will be involved in the revival effort.

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Editorials

Energy

The Enemy Is Us

Some 50 Southern Baptists spent about eight hours recently discussing whether or not there is an energy crisis; if there is, how bad is it; and what churches and denominations can do about it, if there is one.

Clark Hensley, executive director of the Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission, and the editor of the Baptist Record were among the participants. The consultation was sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The consensus was that the energy crisis is indeed real. A number of experts in the field were present, and all agreed that a crisis is upon us. There was not agreement as to the nature of the crisis, what caused it, what the time element is, and what steps should be taken to relieve the situation.

One element of the crisis seems to stand out: in the United States we are close to being caught in a trap of our own making.

We have built the good and easy life for ourselves, but we will not be able to pay the price to maintain it. Whatever the price would be, whether it be money or energy sources, we stand on the brink of bankruptcy, the experts agreed.

It was a sobering and almost frightening conference. Gilbert Turner, a Houston, Texas, industrialist, quoted that famous philosopher, Pogo of the comic strip, who said, "We have met the enemy, and he is us."

President Carter has said that the energy crisis is the moral equivalent of war, and he was also quoted as saying that the world's need for oil will exceed its oil resources by 1985.

Frances Gullick, analyst in the Environment and Natural Resources Policy for the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress, also used the 1985 deadline, but she said it is more of a money problem than an energy problem, though the energy crisis is the reason for the money crisis.

Our trade with foreign nations has gotten so far out of balance because of

buying foreign oil that we cannot go on much longer without relief, she indicated. Yet the money that should be used to finance research in alternate forms of energy is being used to buy foreign oil.

The most controversial alternate form of energy discussed was that which comes from nuclear devices. Wes Michaelson of Sojourners magazine said it is too dangerous. Charles J. Barton of Oak Ridge, Tenn., said it can be controlled and will be necessary.

So much for all of that. Suffice it to say, there was a great deal of talk and no attempt to reach any conclusions. The consensus, again, was that there is a crisis of some kind and not many years in which to act.

That leaves the question, what are we going to do? And more specifically, what are we going to do as churches and as a denomination?

We come back to the good and easy life that our technology has provided, and to a great extent we are enjoying this sort of life in our religious experiences. We make ourselves comfortable at meetings through heating and air conditioning, we make our way to meetings many times during the week by means of automobiles demanding varying amounts of energy in order to function, and we continue to schedule individual meetings to serve the organizations, perhaps without enough thought as to whether or not they are all necessary.

Albert McClellan, associate executive secretary for the SBC Executive Committee, said when the time comes that there has to be a choice between heating and air conditioning, we will have to opt for heating. Yet many of our air-conditioned churches and buildings have windows that cannot be opened, and they are dependent on air conditioning for circulation.

Both McClellan and Cecil Ray, general secretary-treasurer for the North Carolina Convention, said a change of life style for churches and denominations is inevitable. There were many areas in which this change would be noted, they said, and one of the prim-

ary differences will be in mobility. McClellan said our present churches are built on private wheels and cannot exist without them. Ray said we will have to quit heating or cooling rooms for 300 when only 30 will be meeting.

Many churches and denominational buildings, it was pointed out, have no way of heating or cooling small areas. Ray charged that Christians have become a part of the problem rather than a part of the solution.

Several of the speakers, notably McClellan, Ray, and Gullick, refused to sound a note of defeatism. Ray said a crisis is a danger-filled opportunity and that crisis times are good times for churches. "They are testing times," he said. McClellan said we must come to a new understanding of stewardship and realize that we have not been called on "to ruin the earth."

Miss Gullick declared that all power comes from above, and what is needed are alternate sources of energy to serve as bridges to the day when human faith depends on that divine power. She called for an exercise of human will, imagination, faith, and spirit to harness renewable fuels to replace the non-renewable energy that is fast running out.

Without question, the energy situation at this time is a picture of confusion. The fact that so many opinions exist makes one wonder if there is an answer.

The Christian world, at least, must begin to pay greater attention to what is happening to this planet which God has given us to have dominion over. And through it all, we must look to the Lord for guidance; for He, indeed, is the ultimate source of all power.

Whatever means we have left at our control, as the years roll along, we must put them to use in an even greater way than ever before, to call the attention of men to Christ.

We are entering our Bold Mission. Circumstances seem to indicate that an unusual boldness will be needed for great accomplishment. Bold we must be, as we trust in the Lord and as we must move on with the goals that we have set before ourselves.

Letters To The Editor

Corrects Statement

Dear Sir:

I am hoping you will see fit to publish the paragraph below in order that some error may be speedily corrected. Some years ago I wrote, advocated, and published some things which I now wish to retract.

I set forth that it was mandatory for Christians today to keep a "Jewish Sabbath" and to do "mandatory Old Testament Tithing" to be a proper Christian. The passage in the New Testament which I have come to consider today as covering or settling everything is from Paul in Galatians 1:8 and 9 where he says, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." And 9 which follows reiterates and emphasizes the above verse. The New Testament passage which clearly sets forth the current Covenant is Ephesians 2:8, which begins "for by grace are ye saved through faith—" I feel that I have been "accursed" as Paul stated.

Walter E. Price, Jr.
Clinton

Book Reviews

HOW SHOULD WE THEN LIVE by Francis A. Schaeffer; Fleming H. Revell Co., Old Tappan N. J.; 288 pages; \$12.95.

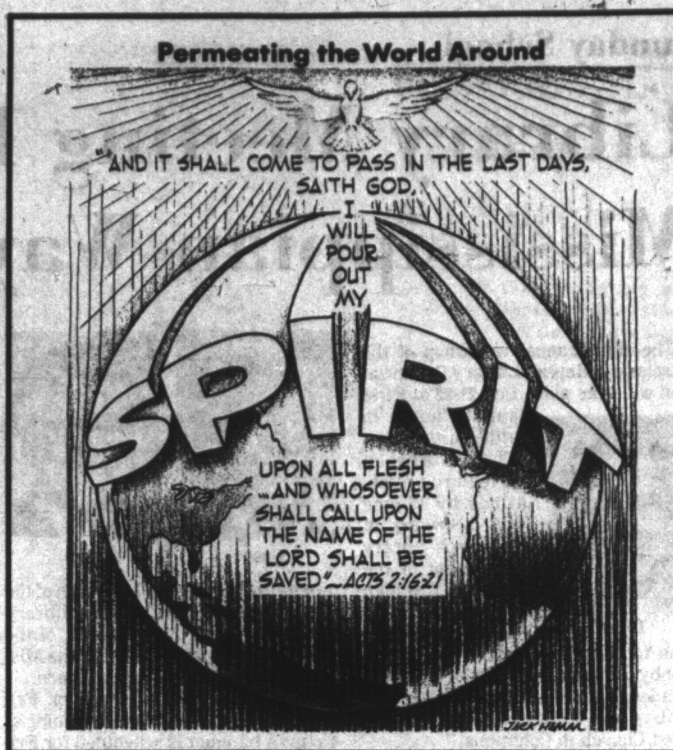
This is a treatment of the condition and direction of Western civilization. It is the culmination of more than 40 years of broad inquiry, intensive research, and philosophical study in Christian basics. Schaeffer has pondered the fate of declining Western culture and concludes that we have lost sight of our roots and our direction. However, he finds the problems, researches their origins, and formulates a proposal for the future.

Schaeffer said, "This book is a personal analysis of the key moments in history which have formed our present culture, and the thinking of the men who brought those moments to pass. This study is made in the hope that light may be shed upon the major characteristics of our age and that solutions may be found to the myriad of problems which face us as we look toward the end of the twentieth century."

THINKING THROUGH THE BIBLE by John Mc Nicol, Kregel Publications, Grand Rapids, Mich.; 319 pages; \$9.95.

The approach is mainly exegetical, but it is also devotional. The author leads his students through the Bible, book by book. The author allows the Bible to stand upon its own, to speak for itself, and when possible, to be its own interpreter. He said that the most significant thing about the Bible is its recognition as the Word of the Living God. The most important thing about the study of the Bible is the search for the mind of God in that Word.

The unity of the Bible stands out, and the supernatural element in the scripture is explained.



Pinson Outlines View Of Seminary Education

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP) — "Tough-minded scholarship and warm-hearted evangelism go hand in hand," William M. Pinson, Jr., new president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, said here in his first formal address to the students, faculty and local Baptist elders.

"Such an approach," he said at the seminary's annual convocation, "calls for high academic standards. A student in seminary ought to encounter a more rugged academic challenge than a student in medical school or law school, because the skills he learns and the task for which he prepares are both more demanding and more important."

Pinson, former pastor of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., recalled four presuppositions that "propelled me on my current course" concerning seminary education.

"A seminary does not exist for itself, but for the churches," he related, "and it is not simply a graduate school of religion, but a special kind of school; a training center for people on a mission."

"At Golden Gate, we are concerned about developing skills, not just teaching content. Regardless of how much a student knows about Jesus Christ, until he knows how to tell others about Him his education is defective."

In addition to being a training center, the 42-year old former professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary called the seminary "a kind of family." He said, "A seminary family is a family of God and it should love, pray, discipline and mature just as a regular family. Families that pray, eat, talk and play together, stay together and enjoy it," he said.

He explained that a seminary is also similar to a church; a community of persons called out and called together by God. "Although a seminary has no

pastor or deacons, it performs many of the acts of a church. It evangelizes, educates, stimulates spiritual growth, ministers, and allows for fellowship and worship.

"Further, the Bible is the center of our study just as it is at the center of the official Golden Gate seal. The whole Bible is the basis of our study—the part that tells how people are to be saved and the part that tells how saved people are to live."

Golden Gate Breaks All Records

MILL VALLEY, CALIF. — All growth records were broken as a record number of students enrolled at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary during the past year. For the first time in the history of the school more than 500 students matriculated in credit programs.

A total of 517 non-duplicating credit students were enrolled. In addition, there were 163 auditors plus 43 students who enrolled for non-credit night classes. The total number of students served during the 1976-77 year was 723.

Stanton H. Nash, who directs the Seminary's recruitment programs, reports that the rapid growth was a result of the development of churches in the West. He said, "This is a natural development which should continue as our churches grow and as the churches need additional staff members." He said, "It is a result of bold mission thrusts which not only produce missions and churches but also call out the called."

Sukkothai Era

Glamour Relived In Discomfort

By Earl Kelly

"Re-live the glamour of Thailand's glorious Sukkothai era" was the lead line of the tourist brochure that lured me to a Thai restaurant where I sat on silk cushions at a traditional hand carved teak table. The food was prepared and served the Thai way. I should have known better than to partake — now I do.

Shortly after dining Thai style I found myself in the throes of the late Chairman Mao's revenge while in flight to Luzon, one of the 7,000 Islands that form the Philippines.

In the brief moments of consciousness between each episode of nausea I knew for sure that I was not long for this world. It occurred to me that I must have an answer if St. Peter should ask me why I slanted into heaven instead of coming via the direct route from Jackson. I scarcely ever clear schedules in advance with St. Peter — especially Thai dinners.

As all my historical-minded friends know, I seldom make statements of any kind without ordering up all the available historical background from my 54-year-old mental computer. Instantaneous flashes of facts appeared and disappeared on my mental screen as swiftly as if I were sitting in an advanced speed reading course: Malay

race, Igorots, Moros, March 16, 1521 and Magellan, King Philip of Spain, 1898, Commodore Dewey, Manila, Batavia, Corregidor, McArthur, bolo knives, and coconuts.

I recalled that Lapu-lapu had observed Magellan's men, who were covered with armor, had their knees unprotected and had ordered his warriors to shoot at the knees of the Spaniards. Magellan was struck by a poison arrow and died.

At that moment one of those arrows hit me, but not in my knee. With the assistance of an Air France steward I managed to stagger off the plane in Manila where missionaries Guy and Lois Henderson, who were accompanied by Bob and Mary Simmons, were waiting to rush us across the city to the International Baptist Church where a large group of Philippine Baptists missionaries and National pastors had planned a fancy uptown reception for our party. I looked at the beautiful table, called Lois Henderson aside, and said, "If you serve me anything more than hot tea I'll kill you."

During the next two hours I was to quickly recuperate because of sheer excitement about what God is doing, and to feed a whole new gamut of material into my human brain on Southern Baptist Missions.

I learned that though many consider the Philippines one of the few "Christian" nations in Asia that there is a great spiritual hunger among the Filipinos. Many of the 43,000,000 people have lost all confidence in the only church allowed to work on the Islands during the 400 years of Spanish rule; and the 102 Southern Baptist missionaries, assisted by 173 National pastors and 250 self-supporting churches, are feeding the masses the gospel.

I had been a classmate of many of those first missionaries who had been run out of China by Chairman Mao in 1948 and was amazed to find such Baptist strength resulting from their labors in so few years. James and Zelma Foster, fellow Missisippians, were among that early group.

Looking over the crowd I could see other classmates — Grover Tyner, who currently serves as President of the Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary in Baguio; his wife, Libby; and our own Bob and Mary Simmons, who teach there. Among the host of National pastors there was Alfredo B. de Leon, pastor of the Paco Baptist

Church in Manila, who is regularly heard on the Philippine National television network and also on a chain of 20 radio stations. A total of 211,149 students are enrolled in a Bible correspondence course he conducts through these programs. Space does not permit the list of career missionaries who form the base of the throbbing work in the Philippines; but, make no mistake about it, Baptist successes on any mission field depend upon hard working career missionaries who follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and who are always trying to work themselves out of a job by winning and training Nationals to win and train more Nationals.

After seeing first-hand what God is doing through the long term efforts of our career missionaries in the Philippines, I feel proud to be a part of their support force through prayer and the Cooperative Program.



Dr. and Mrs. Earl Kelly, Rev. and Mrs. Guy Henderson of Manila, and Dr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons of Baguio enjoy a visit during the Kellys' stopover in the Philippines.



The International Baptist Church in Manila, where Guy Henderson, a native of Mississippi, is pastor.

Commission Addresses Itself TV, Alcohol, Homosexuality

By David Wilkinson

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), in its annual meeting here, voted to continue its emphasis on television morality, to sponsor a consultation on alcohol abuse and to develop resource materials for Southern Baptists on homosexuality.

Commission members approved a \$462,000 budget for 1977-78, including a seven percent cost of living increase for the staff, and elected William M. Tillman Jr. as director of research and editorial services. Tillman, who is completing work on a Ph.D. degree in Christian ethics at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, will join the commission's staff Oct. 1.

In other action during the two-day session, the commission passed resolutions on energy and ABC-TV's new show, "Soap," authorized one-year consultant relationships with two retired seminary professors, Henlee H. Barnette and T. B. Maton, Southern Baptist authorities in the field of applied Christianity, and presented its Distinguished Service Award to William M. Pinson Jr., president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

Members of the social and moral concerns agency also heard an address by SBC president Jimmy Allen and re-elected Forrest H. Siler, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lawton, Okla., as chairman. John S. Harris, pastor of Pineville Park Baptist Church, Pineville, La., was re-elected as vice chairman and Larry Maddox, pastor of Maywood Baptist Church, Independence, Mo., was elected as recording secretary.

The Christian Life Commission's continued emphasis on providing help for television viewers will include increased attention to the impact of TV on children, a plan of action to deal directly with advertisers and further cooperation with other groups to improve programming. During 1977-78 the commission also will try to share Southern Baptist concerns with the Federal Communications Commis-

sion, the Federal Trade Commission and appropriate House and Senate committees in Congress.

The commission also authorized its advisory committee to seek additional funds necessary to expand the television project.

The consultation on alcohol abuse next year will invite experts to speak to denominational leaders on the various aspects of the problem and to help devise programs to deal with the issue. The commission staff will also work to develop materials to help Christians cope with the problem of alcohol.

In response to specific action taken on the subject of homosexuality at the Southern Baptist Convention in June, the commission approved a program aimed at providing informative resource materials on "What Christians Can Do About Homosexuality." A special resource piece would include articles on what the Bible says about homosexuality, homosexuality and the law, counseling homosexuals and what churches can do about homosexuality.

The commission's resolution on "Soap" called on ABC to withdraw the controversial, sex saturated series immediately and to "replace it with a program that is in keeping with ABC's responsibility to behave as a guest in the homes of the American people." The resolution also urged Southern Baptists to support local affiliates which refuse to air "Soap," and to express their disapproval to stations that do carry "Soap" and to companies which sponsor the show.

The resolution on energy encouraged Southern Baptist churches to take bold measures to reduce energy consumption in their buildings and to "alert their members to the fact that energy conservation in their personal lives and business activities is a matter of Christian responsibility."

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MC Campaign Reaches 3.3 Million

The first phase of the Mississippi College "Breakthrough" campaign for development in the Jackson area has reached the 3.3 million mark in a projected goal of 5 million, according to Ralph Atkinson, Jr., vice-president for development at the college.

Campaigns scheduled for fall, outside of the Jackson area, will include Greenwood, Greenville, and the Gulf Coast.

Two and one half million dollars will be used for continued improvement of instruction including endowed professorships, endowment for the college library, and funds for the renovation of academic facilities.

Two million will be used to provide an accredited School of Law including funds for a new law building and endowment for the law library.

Five hundred thousand will be used to provide improved housing for women and renovation of existing dorms.

There is an old proverb that says "The best way to peel a sack of potatoes is to take one potato at a time and peel it." Too many people avoid plunging in. They wait till they know more about it before they start. They meditate about the task until they finally lose interest in it. Sure we need to approach a situation thoughtfully. We need to inform ourselves about the need. But sooner or later we must plunge in and begin by peeling one potato at a time." — Walter MacPeck



A Woman's World Reaches For Beyond the Ironing Board

Wanda Fancher

Can you remember the time in your life when all the grown-ups you knew were free from all imperfections? When there was always someone older than you who could repair what you broke, open the jar too hard for you, reach the highest plum on the tree for you, finish the job when you tired, tell you what the long word meant, put the hem back in your dress or pants, make your chicken soup when you were sick, open the heavy door when your arms were full?

I can. Some were kinfolks, some were some friends, and occasionally, some perfect stranger would appear to help.

Slowly, oh, so slowly, the growing process did us in, didn't it? We were able to put the toy back together. Then the next day, not even the most tightly-closed pickle jar was beyond our wrench. Immediately, not only could we reach to the top of the tree, we looked straight over the tops of all the heads in our class, no matter what we looked to see. Most dejectedly, we stayed at a job and finished it because it was now a part of our responsibility.

And soon the teacher sent us to the dictionary; Mother sent us to the sewing machine, and we learned to turn around to open the heavy doors as we backed out of them.

Somewhat, though, someone still cared for us if we got sick.

Growing up was not easy, was it? It is a heap harder now, we may be sure. I look at my own children and see that they have to make decisions that were not open to me when I was a teen-ager, or even a young adult. Situations did not exist for me then that exist for young people now.

And, sadly, some options are not really open to them. For instance, when our boys were tiny, it was acceptable not to have a TV or two cars. Now, those two items, along with many others, are a must, unless one wants to appear almost destitute.

We could choose that I not work and be at home. Now, young families find it difficult to make that choice. Sometimes they have the choice made for them by financial pressure.

Growing up really is hard. It takes a while. It also takes a lot of love, the kind that we knew when the teacher sent us to the dictionary and Mother sent us to the sewing machine.

I watched a bird teaching her young to fly once. She seemed so mean and so demanding as she swooped down at them and made them fly. But I watched long enough to see the bird fly. It seemed that when he finally did, the noises he made were communications to the mother bird that she had done good.

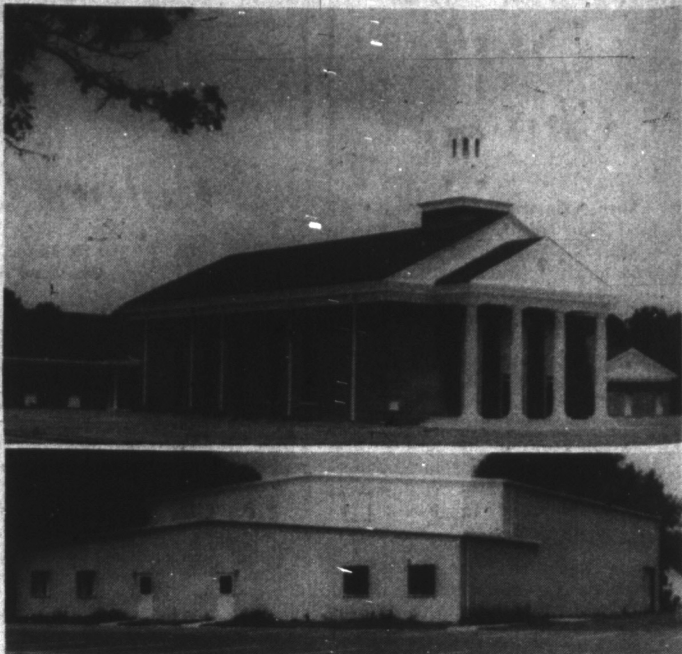
But the point here is not the mother bird, but the baby bird. He learned to fly. But it wasn't easy.

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Quitman Dedicates New Church Plant

First Church, Quitman officially dedicated a totally new church plant on Sept. 18. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was the principal speaker. The facilities include a colonial style sanctuary which will seat approximately 600 and an educational unit which will serve up to 500. A separate Family Life Center (bottom photo) contains a kindergarten classroom, game room, and gymnasium. Pastor Ed North led in the implementation of the building project. Joe Blair served as chairman of the Building Committee and Tally Riddell chaired the Building Finance Committee. The facilities represent a total investment of \$1,000,000. Due to a highly successful "Together We Build" campaign and the sacrificial response of the members, the long-term indebtedness is not expected to exceed \$300,000.

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

Mrs. Donald Simpson, organist, Woodland Hills Church of Jackson, will present an organ recital on Sunday, October 2, at 7 p.m. as part of the regular evening worship service. Mrs. Simpson is a graduate of Mississippi College, where she was a student of Billy Trotter. She will be playing selections by Waland, Bach, Dupre, Brahms and Cook. James E. Scirrat is pastor and James Glass is minister of music at Woodland Hills.

Vance E. Windom, Jr., pastor of Nola Church, Lawrence Association, has been selected as recipient of the Izard Scholarship at Mississippi College for 1977-78. He graduated last year with honors from Co-Lin Junior College where he was listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Vance E. Windom, Sr. of Hazlehurst, he is married to the former Denise Tyson of Jackson.

Arnold Norsworthy has been called as pastor of First Church, Jena, La. He has been serving as pastor of Morgantown Church, Natchez and was previously pastor at Pearson in Rankin County and other churches in Alabama and Louisiana.

The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission will be involved with two ABC-TV "Directions" programs in October. The October 2 "Directions" will feature a conversation with Owen Cooper, retired Yazoo City, Miss., industrialist, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention. On October 30 "Directions" will feature "Truce," one of the documentaries produced by the Radio and Television Commission for release in its 1978 group of "The Human Dimension" segments. "Directions" is ABC's half-hour public affairs program for television. It is on the network 1:00 to 1:30 p.m., Eastern time. The conversation with Cooper will be broadcast on WAPT, Jackson, Oct. 2, at 10:30 p.m. CST if that time slot can be cleared, Lewis Hopper, WAPT manager, said.

Pandora Thomas of Liberty was one of nine state winners who participated in the Youth Bible Drill demonstration at the Church Training Leadership Conference held recently at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

Mary Joe Stewart, missionary to Ecuador, has completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Casilla 4725, Quito, Ecuador). She is a native of Caesar, Miss.

Johnny Parks, pastor of Second Church, Kosciusko, and Floyd Higginbotham, pastor of Springdale Church, Attala County, will lead a revival at Springfield Baptist Chapel, Springfield, Vt., Oct. 6-9. Parks will preach and Higginbotham will lead the singing. Aubrey C. Jones, former pastor of Holly Bluff Church, Yazoo County, has been pastor of the Springfield Chapel since Aug. 15, 1976. He says, "We ask for prayerful support of Mississippi Baptists... for the work here in Vermont."

Willie Mae Giles, Southern Baptist home missionary, who works in a Baptist Center at El Paso, featured in an article in The Meridian Star on Sept. 8, titled, "Hey Willie, A Familiar Sound." She is the sister of Jack O'Neil Giles, pastor of Macedonia Church (Lauderdale) and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Giles of Daleville.

Carl Brewer of Jackson was one of 15 state winners who participated in the Southern Baptist Convention Youth Speakers' Tournament demonstration at the Church Training Leadership Conference held recently at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.



Which Route Should Your Retirement Take?

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Study it closely! Then make your decision!

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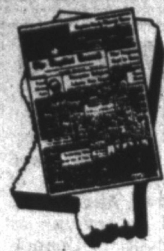
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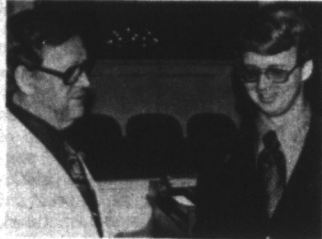
Carriage Hills Church, Southaven, is planning a homecoming service for October 2, celebrating the church's 11th anniversary. Services will commence at 10 a.m. in the main sanctuary and will continue until noon. A covered dish luncheon is planned, with activities continuing until 2:30 p.m. There will be no evening service.

Pleasant Grove Church, Brookhaven, Gerald Aultman, pastor, designated September 25 as "Bro. Leonard Smith Day." Smith was baptized into the membership of Pleasant Grove 67 years ago. He moved to Oklahoma when he was in his twenties, working with the Ford Motor Company. At that time he became a professional wrestler and at one time wore the heavyweight crown. Then God called him to preach and he pastored the Northeast Baptist Church in Oklahoma City for 30 years. Upon his retirement Smith moved back to Mississippi and was Interim Pastor of five churches. Now at the age of 84 he is Pastor of Union Baptist Church in Lincoln County.

Emmanuel Church, Greenville, had homecoming on Sept. 11, with dinner in the fellowship hall. Thomas Walker, the first pastor of the church, was speaker for the morning service. Tim Edwards and the Crusaders were in charge of the afternoon song service. Hugh A. Martin is the pastor.

Siloam Church, Clay County, will dedicate a new pastorage on Homecoming Day, Oct. 9. Claud Howe of Senatobia will be guest speaker. The Alleluia Chorus of Calvary Church will sing during the afternoon service that begins at 1:30. Dedication of the pastorage will follow the special music. A picnic lunch will be served at the church. Walter Frederick is pastor.

West Philadelphia Church in Philadelphia presented an engraved plaque and gift certificate to Pastor Lonnie Alexander on Aug. 14. The pastor, his wife Rita, and children, Tonya and Tony, were honored with a special day the church set aside to express appreciation to them.



Joe Ratcliff (left), pastor, presented James Arrington Goff, on behalf of Collins Church, a framed proclamation upon his resignation as church musician after eight years of service.

The presentation followed a sacred organ and piano concert presented by Goff, assisted by Minister of Music Lloyd Mims, prior to Goff's entering Mississippi College as a sophomore.

Goff is the 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy (Analyn Arrington) Goff and grandson of Mrs. Jimmy Arrington and the late Mr. Arrington, all of Collins, and Mrs. C. E. Goff and the late Mr. Goff of Lucedale. He attended Jones County Junior College his freshman year, while continuing to serve as church musician. Both of his parents are graduates of Mississippi College.

The proclamation stated that since James Arrington Goff has "displayed himself to be a committed Christian and has given his extraordinary talent in the service of the Lord to lead others through the gift of music" and "has served faithfully as church accompanist, equally accomplished on the organ and piano, for eight years, providing the best in worshipful music" that the choir and congregation of Collins Church declared to him their highest thanks and deepest appreciation.

Nola Church, Lawrence County, will observe homecoming on Oct. 9. W. T. Dixon will be guest speaker at the morning service to begin at 10 a.m. Dinner will be served on the grounds. Singing will be the major feature of the 1 p.m. service. Vance Windom, Jr. is pastor.

We have committed the Golden Rule to memory; let us now commit it to life. — Edwin Markham

McAdams Church (Attala) will begin the new church year October 2 with homecoming activities combined with a special building fund effort to pay the remaining indebtedness on the Family Life Center Annex. Joe Anderson, Pastor, will bring the 11 o'clock message. Lunches will be spread in the gymnasium of the Family Life Building. The afternoon program, which will present special music and singing by select visiting groups, as well as by local singers, will feature the "Star-shines" from Belhaven College. Larry Burden of Kosciusko, music and youth director of McAdams Church, will lead the congregational singing.

Spring Hill Church near Waterford in Marshall County will hold Homecoming Day on Oct. 2. Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and preaching at 11 a.m. will be followed by dinner on the grounds and then singing in the afternoon. William Phillips is the pastor.

Friendship East Church, Tallahatchie County, will have homecoming day on Oct. 2. Plans are being made for lunch at the church. There will be singing in the afternoon, with the Homersettes and the youth choir from Pope as special guests. J. G. Thomas is pastor.

First, Bruce To Celebrate 50th Year

First Church in Bruce will celebrate its 50th anniversary Sunday, Oct. 2.

Five former pastors will headline the day's activities in a program beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing through the afternoon with dinner at the church at noon.

Scheduled to speak are former pastors, L. F. Haire, retired, Bruce; Kermit McGregor, pastor of Temple Church, Hattiesburg; Clyde Rogers, pastor of Lucy Road Church, Millington, Tn.; Sam Brown, pastor of First Church, Townley, Al.; and L. E. Gandy, pastor of First Church, Kosciusko.

B. J. Bennett is chairman of the 50th anniversary celebration activities.

Staff Changes

Towfiq Batarseh has accepted the pastorate of Eastview Church, Lauderdale Association, moving from a pastorate in Neshoba County. A native of Jordan, he was licensed to preach by the First Baptist Church of Jerusalem. He is a graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary. He and his wife, Pat, of Union, have two sons.

Peggy Troutman is the new preschool director at First Church, Biloxi. She served for the past seven years at Emmanuel Church, Henderson, Ky.

First Church, Mississippi City (Gulf Coast), has called Jimmy Bankston as associate pastor and minister of education and outreach. He goes from Pass Road Church, Gulfport, where he was youth pastor and bus minister. Bill Taylor is pastor at Mississippi City.

Carmel Church, Monticello, has called Robert Dunn as pastor. He and his wife, the former Alene Hedgepeth, are natives of Carmel.

Two of their five children are in the ministry. Leon is pastor at Putnam Church, Putnam, Ala., and is a senior at William Carey College. Dennis is pastor at Shiloh Church, Foxworth.

Dunn attended Clarke College, William Carey College, and New Orleans Seminary. At Carmel he follows Charles Guy who was called to Ruth Church.

Moselle Memorial Church has announced that Rich Behers has accepted a call as associate pastor and youth director.

Rich, a native of Pennsylvania, is a graduate of William Carey College and student at New Orleans Seminary. Mrs. Behers, the former Charlotte Ann Craig of Hattiesburg, will direct the preschool church each Sunday morning during the worship hour. Mike Rasberry is pastor.

Mrs. Frances K. Swindle is the new church secretary at Main Street, Hattiesburg. Her husband, E. D. Swindle, is BSU director at William Carey College.

Devotional

Lesson In Art

Colors Of Calvary

By James E. Scirratt, Pastor
Woodland Hills Church, Jackson

Color has a very vivid impact on man. This school season reminds us of the allegiance people have to the colors of their schools. The flags of our country are referred to as our "colors."

Color affects the seasons of the year. The approaching fall calls to the attention the colors of yellow, rust, orange, and brown. Clothing is color coordinated, for both men and women. Fashion experts capitalized on our response to color.

Human personality is associated with colors. Feelings might be blue, or being mad might make one see red. Cowardice is associated with yellow.

Religion has color associations as well. Baptists do not pay much attention to these but red is the symbol of charity, white of purity, blue of truth, green of hope, and purple of sorrow and suffering.

Calvary has hues all of its own. When man looks at Calvary he sees many needs and these needs are represented by colors. The first color that is seen at Calvary is yellow. This is the cowardliness of Pilate. "What do you want me to do with Him?" the ruler of Palestine asks. What can a ruler like Pilate be doing asking this question, except that he is a coward. He is afraid to pronounce the innocence of Jesus and let Him go free.

Green is another color that is seen at Calvary. Green represents jealousy and jealousy is represented by the Jews. They cannot accept the truth and love that Jesus has shown of God. They want the people under the yoke of the law and subject to them. Jesus frees the people in love.

The despair of the disciples and loved ones of Jesus is seen in the black of Calvary. Their despair seems hopeless as Jesus is crucified.

The red blood of Christ flows as the proof of His love for all men. The color red reminds us of the love of God.

The robe of Jesus is not given a color in the New Testament, but we can imagine it as purple, the color of kings. For the king was there, crowned with a crown of thorns.

Men can proclaim, "Crown Him Lord of All."

W. Martin Smith

North Carrollton Church Unveils Building's Name

North Carrollton Church dedicated a new building on Sept. 4 and named it the Wesley Martin Smith Educational Building, in honor of a man who was pastor of the church for 20 years.

William R. Patten, pastor, led in the afternoon dedication service in which Martin Smith and Mrs. Smith unveiled a bronze plaque. The plaque was engraved with the words: "To the glory of God, Wesley Martin Smith Educational Building."

If you have been trying to get at some unpleasant task for weeks, get at it. Do it. If you have been meaning to write a certain letter, write it, and have it over with. If you must ask forgiveness from someone, pick up the phone and stop brooding about it. Resolve your conflicts. Whatever can be changed in your life, approach it constructively. — H. S. Vigevano

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Sunday School Lesson: International For October 2

Judging And Forgiving

By W. J. Fallis
John 8:1-11; Luke 6:37-42;
Romans 14

Almost anywhere you read in the New Testament you can get some idea of the moral and religious problems of the first century. Not everything comes out, but those writers did not waste their time on incidentals. They remembered what Jesus had stressed, and Paul usually wrote his letters to deal with problems in the early churches. Three different writers provided the passages for this lesson, and all of them point to a fault among religious people: criticizing others and refusing to forgive. Jesus wanted his disciples to rise above that kind of littleness, but even loyal church members still have trouble with it. Let us see how Jesus dealt with it in word and deed.

The Lesson Explained
Jesus Dared The Male Accusers
(John 8:1-7)

This dramatic incident took place in the Temple "early in the morning" while Jesus was teaching the people. A group of law interpreters and Pharisees pushed a woman through the crowd and made her "stand out in the middle" (v. 3, NEB) while they accused her. She had been caught in the act of adultery, and they wanted to know whether Jesus approved the punishment prescribed in the Mosaic law — death by stoning. We cannot tell which interested them more: punishing the woman or trapping Jesus. Calmly, Jesus stooped down and wrote with his finger in the dirt. When they kept insisting on an answer, Jesus stood up and said those unforgettable words. In some way, those vindictive men were pricked in conscience; one by one they slipped away. Jesus did not condemn what the woman had done, but he saw self-righteousness also as sin. He forgave the woman, but the men did not seek forgiveness.

Jesus' Story About Eye Trouble
(Luke 6:37-42)

Some people feel that "judge not" is a command impossible to obey. After all, the teacher, judge, parent, employer, coach — almost everybody evaluates others at one time or another. But Jesus was not talking about that; he forbade the kind of

criticism that tried to stress the badness of other people. "Condemn" points strongly in that direction. Instead, Jesus urged his followers to forgive and give. In this practice they would be ready to receive God's gifts, and Jesus used a figure from farm life to make vivid that "good measure." While the judgmental attitude blocks our relationship with God, and forgiving spirit opens it up.

To illustrate the problem of the critical person, Jesus told a little story after picturing the possible tragedy of a blind person trying to lead another blind person. Verse 40 may be a general statement or may refer to the blindness of Pharisaic teachers. The parable itself pictures one man as very anxious to remove a speck from the eye of another man. Then with a humorous twist, Jesus predicts failure because the critical man has a log sticking out of his eye. He cannot see his own faults for hunting weaknesses in others. That is the trouble with the faultfinder.

Paul Warned Against Criticism
(Romans 14:13-17)

In this chapter Paul dealt with the tension that had developed in the church between a strict group and a more liberal group. One was scrupulous about eating, drinking, and observing special days; the other felt other things were more important. Paul urged them not to criticize one another, but to respect the sincerity of each position. They were not to claim that their view was the only right one.

West Philadelphia To Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Members of West Philadelphia Church, Philadelphia, will celebrate the church's 50th anniversary with memorial day services Oct. 2.

B. L. Smith of Columbia will bring the morning message. Kermit Sharp, director of missions, Kemper and Neshoba Counties, will speak in the afternoon. Dinner will be served at the church.

The Sandtown Christians will present special music during the service that will begin at 1:30 p.m. Also charter members and former pastors will be recognized at the afternoon service.

and everyone must conform to it. That would probably be the attitude of the scrupulous ones.

On the other hand, Paul was convinced that there was "nothing unclean of itself," but the person with that liberated view must not risk undermining his brother's faith. Flaunting their freedom about food or observances might cause the Christian faith to be misunderstood. After all, the essentials of that faith are not food and drink, but "the righteousness and peace and joy that the Holy Spirit gives" (v. 17, TEV).

Revival Dates

West Jackson Church, Jackson: October 2-7; services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sun.; week days 7:30 p.m.; James Fancher, evangelist; Bob Pollard, music director; Dewitt Mitchell, pastor.

Van Winkle Church, Jackson: Oct. 2-8; Gene Miller Williams, full-time evangelist; Herman A. Milner, Jr., in charge of special music; Herman A. Milner, Sr., pastor; morning services at 10:30 with a covered dish lunch following; evening services at 7:30.

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